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### City and Vicinity.

#### A Waterworks System for Brandon Talked of - Bachelors' Ball.

#### Newsy Briefs Gathered With Note Book and Pencil.

—Mr. Hunt, school inspector, is visiting in London, Ont.

—Mr. Bedford, of the agricultural farm, has gone to Morden on a visit.

—Mr. Thos. Harkness, our enterprising horseman, sold another team on Tuesday last.

—Mr. H. G. Fisher, of Winnipeg, has put in an appearance as assistant at the Merchants Bank here.

—Miss Borchill, sister of the Messrs. Borchill of this city, is very ill at the residence of one of her brothers.

—Mr. E. Powers, of Huron Co., is starting a new harness shop in this city. He will hold the field pretty well filled, however.

—Teamsters are bringing in tons of Jack fish from Pelican Lake and selling them on the streets of Brandon.

—There have been 2210 horses sold in Brandon last summer the prices netting very nearly a quarter of a million of dollars.

—Mr. J. B. Stewart organized another branch of the Sons of Temperance at the little Saskatchewan the other day.

—Mr. Daly, M. P., left on Sunday for his duties at Ottawa. He has always looked after the interests of his constituents and he is certain not to lag this session.

—At an auction sale on Monday last, at the Pembury House, a farm near Kenney was sold for the sum of \$1,000 to Mr. Kenney, also of Kenney.

—The bad tax law of this country is sure to work mischief. For instance the council of Cornwalls is going to disclaim for all arrears of taxes, when the law will not allow them to collect interest.

—Messrs. Smith & Shurtliff are getting their large implement shop, near their machine shops, very nearly ready for occupancy. It will be one of the largest, as one of the best when finished.

—The members of the Y. M. C. A. are doing a good work in the city at present. Several of the association, "enthusiastic" young men visited the pool room of Mr. L. Delany on Tuesday evening and distributed invitations to their meetings, wholesale.

—The local Board of Trade has selected Mr. E. B. Smith as president; Mr. F. W. Ferguson, vice do.; Mr. Plummerfelt, secretary, on a salary, and Messrs. Christie, Robinson, Hurst, Nelson, Hamblin, Lindsay, Lockin and Delany as council.

—Lafayette was elected in November for the Commons, last week, by a majority of 200. His majority was made up in St. Boniface town and county, which shows he is all powerful with the church.

—"Sandfield" Macdonald, a celebrated drunk from north of Griswold, got into the clutches of Chief Duncan the other day but escaped again. Sandfield is a hard man on whiskey when he gets fairly going.

—Mr. Robt. French, has gone east for the purpose of bringing out horses for the Brandon market. Mr. French has already disposed of a load, improved this season, and intends purchasing two cars more. We understand it is also his intention to bring out two thoroughbred stallions, one Clyde and one of a Canadian bred.

—Capt. Watie has secured the management of the Hudson's Bay Company's lands for these parts and has opened offices in the rooms vacated by Burns & Hellyar. Parties wanting lands now can do no better than call on the Captain, who will sell on the best of terms. The Captain retains his auction and other business as usual.

—Our local curlers met with their usual luck at Portage on Monday. The following is the score at the Portage matches: Carberry, Gilbert, skip 22; Portage, Robertson, skip, 42; Brandon, Peters, skip 10; Portage, Marlatt, skip, 27. In the evening the score ran, Portage, 23; Brandon, 8; Portage 29; Brandon, 8; Portage 29; Carberry, 8; Carberry 15; Brandon, 33.

—The Mannedo paper says: "Mr. Jas. Lesson, who lives about midway between Brandon and Plum Creek, was in town a few days this week, taking a look at this section of country. Living as he does in the open prairie and having to go thirty miles for wood he was astonished to see the farmers drawing such piles of cordwood into town, and said he had not seen so much rail fencing since leaving Ontario. He was much pleased with all he saw, and had a high opinion of this as a general farming district."

—After Dr. Spencer's horse sent the Doctor under the sidewalk "hot keeps" the other day, he started for the Brandon Hills and points to the south on a tour of inspection, on his own account, followed by the faithful dog. A couple of parties tried to catch the horse on the way but were prevented from doing so by the dog. Later the dog returned home and on seeing him the Doctor concluded the horse could not be far away, and sure enough on looking out he saw the traitor horse on the hill retaining home.

—The live sale and feed stables of the city are all doing a good business at present. In this live business, Thos. E. Kelly does a very large and lucrative trade and has on hand close on 30 horses, some of them "fast" ones, for that purpose. The carload which that gentleman brought in, have been sold at fair prices with the exception of those kept for livery and farm work. The stallion brought in by Mr. Kelly, "Pent Amber," is of thorough good stock, and wherever seen is sure to give satisfaction.

—Our fire company are going to hold a negro minstrel exhibition in a short time, and they are now preparing a programme for it.

—On Saturday one of our local bankers downed the other at curling. Mr. Ferguson came out ahead.

—The musicians connected with St. Matthew's church purpose giving a grand concert in the roller rink, early in March.

—A grand masquerade carnival will be held at Plum Creek on the 10th of Feb. A handsome prize list is made ready for costumes and skating.

—James Shirriff, C. A. Moor, J. A. Christie, T. B. Hyndman, J. E. Smith and several others left on Monday last for different points in the east, on business and pleasure.

—Mr. Ace Edmunds went east on Tuesday last for the purpose of bringing out two cars of horses for the Brandon market. Mr. Edmunds will purchase his horses, near Wingham, Ont.

—A bachelors ball was given last evening in the roller rink, on Tenth St. It being on Wednesday evening we are unable to give a report this week.

—Sam. Lowes, late with Fraser Bros., has accepted a position with Strome & Laughton, and Mr. Stewart, late with Mr. Bower, takes the vacancy with Fraser Bros.

—A movement is on foot to start a water works system in the city. Some of our leading citizens are agitating the question at present. Dr. Spencer says it will improve the sanitary condition of the town and will materially affect the insurance rates. Mr. Kuttan, chief engineer of the Waterworks system of Winnipeg is the director of the movement, and it is hoped our city solons will consider the matter immediately.

—Our local grain dealers got up a spurt of excitement Monday, and ran wheat up to 93 cents, the highest for some time. As the mill people have yet to put in considerable for summer grinding, it is reasonable they will have to keep up the price the rest of the season. In other respects there is but little change in the market from last issue.

—J. E. Smith of the Beresford Stock Farm reports the following sales: To Messrs. Joseph Taylor and Robert King of Fairfax, the short horn bull "Crown Prince of Beresford" (1017) sire "Sunrise," dam "Beauty." This fine young animal was exhibited at both Bismarck and Brandon last fairs, 1888 and easily won first prize at each place. Messrs. Taylor and King and the farmers in that district are to be congratulated on obtaining such a model Short-horn. An improvement in the stock in the locality will inevitably follow. To Mr. Francis Cosgrave, of "Burrows House" Whitewood, N. W. T. the Short-horn bull "Royal Beresford" (9814) sire "Sunrise," dam "Lily Enma." Mr. Cosgrave also purchased the heifer "Lacy Martin," sire "Captain Windsor" dam "Starlight 2nd." They are both good individual animals with first class pedigrees, registered in Dominion Herd Book and eligible for registration in any Short-horn Herd Book in the world. Mr. Cosgrave is an enthusiastic breeder of Short-horns and we understand that this is the first pair registered in the Dominion Herd Book, taken into this locality. We will doubtless hear good things of Mr. Cosgrave and his undertaking. To Mr. James Ross, the veteran thoroughbred stock man of Bismarck, the Short-horn bull "Colonel Beresford" (10299), sire "Lord Lansdowne" (imp) dam "Duchess of Fairview 2nd." This young bull is a half brother of "Barnston Hero 2nd" sold last year to Thos. Sears of Bradwardine. "Barnston Hero 2nd" was exhibited by Mr. Speers at Oak Lake fair, last fall when only 20 months old and captured sweepstakes for the best bull in the ground any age or any breed. Mr. Ross has a ways taken a foremost place in the Oak River district, for the improvement of both horses and cattle, he may justly be called the exponent of the Oak River stock breeders. He was the first to introduce a thoroughbred Clydesdale stallion and is now the first to introduce a pure bred Short-horn into his immediate district. Mr. Ross is a gentleman of whom the community may well be proud, and is an acquisition to the Province in which he lives.

#### McGREGOR.

#### A Thriving Village on the Canadian Pacific R. R.

The Americans continually boast of their "thriving cities." In this respect they are better friends to their country than many Canadians are to Canada. Wherever they have roads with a store, a post office and two or three more buildings, they have not a village or a town, but "a city" if you please. In Canada and in Manitoba, as a large province of it, however, we are satisfied with calling things by their proper names. We have therefore villages and towns before we have cities.

As we have said in introducing Carberry, in other columns, most places in this country have their birth since the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In other words this great highway was the means of their creation. This may be truthfully said of McGregor as there were but two or three houses within miles of where McGregor stands, until the C. P. R. was located was located and constructed. For a time in the earlier days, the Railway Company did not feel like erecting costly station houses at all their stations, preferring rather to await the development of the country, and see where they were wanted and what buildings were required. McGregor was classed as one of these off points, but as talent in a man displays itself under adversity, so McGregor sprang into a village under its disadvantage in the lack of rail way convenience.

The village is located about 24 miles west of Portage la Prairie and about 15 miles east of Brandon. It is the only point of any note between the Portage and Carberry and the only one that will be of any importance for some time to come. The village, or rather the town site, for it is laid out for a town and will be so in an early day, at its present rate of progress, is located on the farm of John Fox, who put up the first dwelling in the vicinity. Mr. Fox is the son of Counsellor Fox of the municipality.

Mr. T. R. Varion, son of the late Dr. Varion, of Galt, Ont., who was a handler of Portage mud during the boom, and who was in those days one of the inflated aristocrats of our eastern shore, was the first man who had sufficient confidence in the future of McGregor, to locate there in business. He accordingly came up in 1882, secured a post office, erected a small building and commenced as a general merchant. Though the tide of time has come and gone Mr. Varion has remained forever. He subsequently secured the express office, agents for agricultural implements, land and loan companies. A year after locating there he was appointed secretary for the municipality, North No. 10, and a year later he had the Treasurership and retained it to the present. Under the Norquay regime he was a J. P. and a few years ago that was his position in the municipality while he retained the municipality; but he threw them up with the advent of Reform rule and the place is now without a J. P., much to the inconvenience of all. He retains his agency to the present, and his added books and stationery to the post office. He has with him the best equipped and the most convenient and the best kept post office between the Portage and Brandon. It is sufficiently commodious, has plenty of boxes and other conveniences for any village of 500 people. The growth of the village and surrounding country may be estimated from the growth of the postal revenue. The first year he sold but \$50 worth of stamps, and last year over \$200 worth. Mr. Varion is very genial and reliable and there is, sure to be, popular.

The next year Mr. W. J. Thompson settled there and became the nucleus of the present community boarding house—the "Herald." He has done a good business for himself and is thriving with the growth of the place.

In 1885 A. A. DeWolf opened another general store, but a year ago he sold to W. Carus who now has most commodious premises, and a stock fit for a large town, in general lines. Mr. Carus handles lumber as well as general merchandise and from the nature of things has to do a general trading business with the surrounding country.

The same year Fred Orchard commenced the general blacksmithing and he still remains.

In 1887 D. Bell & Co. began the general store business and they, too, carry a fine stock and have large premises.

Last year Mr. John Watson, a good natured man and very going in his way, put up a boarding house and is succeeding well at the business.

In 1888, too, R. D. Woch opened a flour store and he keeps an excellent stock for the use of the place.

In 1889 Alex. Elgin, of Wingham, accepted a bonus from the municipality and began the erection of a large flour mill. He became financially pressed, however, and he transferred the project to White as, of Woodstock, Ont. who furnished the machinery. The mill is of a capacity of 100 barrels, does its work well and is a great convenience to the farmers for miles around, who before it was built had to go to the Portage or to the town of Carberry. Mr. Geo. Rodgers is the manager.

The same year S. Young, the section foreman, opened another large stopping house.

John Watt Thompson had been a resident of the place for some time, but recently opened a permanent carpenter shop, and like the other residents is likely to do well.

Mrs. Robinson has a dreamlike establishment here also.

This summer Jas. Macdonald opened a lumber yard, and keeps a comfortable, a tidy and well equipped contracting business. He is doing well and has high hopes of the place.

As soon as the station house was erected, the last summer, and it is a good one, too, in all its appointments, the growth, which would W. A. above was appointed agent. He gives the public excellent satisfaction.

The school is in good system under J. S. Gould. The place has two Presbyterian services every Sabbath by the Rev. Mr. Littlehale, in the hall of one of the stores, but that body are building a new church 26x40, costing \$1,000, and capable of seating 150 people. Mr. Littlehale is resident. The Methodist have services every two weeks in the town hall also, by the Rev. Mr. Eaton, and the Episcopalians once every four weeks by the Rev. Mr. Little, of Gladstone.

Last year about 60,000 bushels of wheat were bought here and as this section suffered but little if any frost, the sales will not be less. The buyers are Campbell and Green, of the Portage; the Mill Co., Logan & Co. Carberry, who put up a warehouse in 1887.

Last year the general business of the place was about \$150,000. There is a fine class opening here for a good blacksmith, a tailor, a boot and shoe maker, a doctor, with a drug store and a butcher. This winter McVean, of London, has about 50 men at work in the town within 5 miles of the station, getting out good wood, and will probably pick about 3,000 cords at the station.

As soon as the country is cleared around and drained, Mr. McGregor will have a large agricultural area tributary to it that will give it an impetus and cause it to surge ahead along with all other enterprising places in the country.

Mr. Samuel Hanna, who is in Montreal, has a half column interview in the Montreal Herald to hand. In it he said: "I am here partially on business and propose to take with me, if I can obtain them, at satisfactory figures, a car load of horses ranging from 1,200 to 1,400 lbs., and a car load of yearling horned cattle, with which I propose to stock that portion of my land which is not devoted to the production of grain."





power to construct a railway from the Town of West Lynne, Manitowish, to the westward, or westerly direction to the town of Prairie and Brandon, and thence westerly, southwesterly or southward to the limits of the territory of Manitoba, and from West Lynne to the westward to a point at or near Lake Superior.





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